GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:543
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001
REPLACEMENT OF DISTRESSED BRIDGES
P. RAJENDRAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail bridges built by the Britishers, which have completed their life;

(b) the list of `distressed` rail bridges in the country; and

(c) the steps taken to replace these `distressed` railway bridges?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)TO (c) OF LOK SABHASTARREDQUESTION NO. 543 BY SHRI P RAJENDRAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.8.2001 REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF DISTRESSED BRIDGES

a) Rebuilding of bridges on consideration of end of life is not decided merely on basis of age but on age cum physical condition basis and technical considerations.

(b) As on 01.04.2001, there are 515 `distressed` bridges in the country. Railway-wise list is as under:-

Railways	Number of distressed bridges
Central	246
Eastern	27
Northern	66
North Eastern	25
Northeast Frontier	76
Southern	5
South Central	10
South Eastern	18
Western	42
Total	515

c) Identified distressed bridges are prioritised on considerations of their condition assessed on the basis of physical condition through inspections and rebuilt/rehabilitated.